

Dear justice AmeriCorps Grantees,

In light of the continuing low caseloads for jAC members at several host organization sites, EOIR and CNCS will consider a limited exception to the requirement that jAC members represent only Unaccompanied Children (UC) whose Initial Master Calendar hearing was scheduled after January 1st, 2015.

Under the exception, the host organization's jAC members would be able to represent UC whose Initial Master Calendar hearing was scheduled as early as October 1st, 2014. **To apply for the exception**, the grantee is required to submit a proposed amendment to its program operation plan addressing how the host organization would:

- (1) Identify and accept cases whose Initial Master Calendar hearing was scheduled between October 1, 2014 and December 31, 2014, while meeting jAC program requirements of universal representation (i.e. provide legal representation without regard to a child's potential eligibility for relief, gender, nationality, or other factors beyond eligibility for representation under jAC). Upon request, EOIR will provide a docket report of UC cases that were scheduled for Initial Master Calendar hearings 10/01/2014 through 12/31/2014; and
- (2) Maintain capacity to represent all future jAC-eligible cases scheduled for Initial Master Calendar hearings at the level proposed in its grant application.

We will respond to your proposed exception within five business days.

We greatly appreciate your dedicated efforts to build justice AmeriCorps and serve this particularly vulnerable population, and thank you for your patience as we address the various challenges faced in rolling out this program across the country. Please forward any questions you have regarding this exception to your CNCS program officer, or feel free to raise them during our regularly-scheduled monthly grantee calls.

Sincerely,

The justice AmeriCorps Team